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took refuge in this country

which he received here with the pedantic bitterness and pointless sneers of his work on the "Decline of England." The reason he refused to take the substantial share of power that M. Ledru Rollin enjoyed in 1848 was due to the undoubted oratorical force which he displayed, and to the memory of his eloquence most attributed the degradation of the Republic. He came to him on his return to public life after an absence of twenty-seven years. When he ascended the tribune at Versailles seven months ago there was an almost universal belief that he was still a great orator, and as much a political power. His failure was complete; his doctrines were still at once to be obsolete and pedantic; his dogmatic professional style had no attractions for an audience of fastidious Frenchmen. For M. Ledru Rollin there was clearly no place left in French politics; his death only formulated an extinction that was already complete.

A comparison of the two periods of M. Ledru Rollin's public life will show that the practical needs which have come to be so much considered and cared for in France since the painful but wholesome lessons of the war with Germany, were taken to heart. A brilliant phrase-maker, with a great command of popular feeling, and an inexhaustible fund of *principles*, an abundance of rhetorical illustration defying history and reason—such was the sort of politician who in 1848 was powerful with the masses, and feared, if not honoured, in the Legislature. M. Ledru Rollin came back to political life in 1874, having, with more than the obstinacy of a Bourbon, learnt nothing and forgotten nothing. He found himself in a altered world; among the men of a new generation; yet he persisted in talking the old language and in trying to conjure with the ancient spells. But his auditors had forgotten the Shibboleths to which he held, and all virtue had gone out of the invocations of his democratic pedantry. The shock was fatal, and we are hardly surprised that M. Ledru Rollin has survived for so short a time the political reputation which he threw away in June last. The fact that M. Gambetta's fame and his political influence have steadily grown while M. Ledru Rollin's crumbled away at the first touch of reality is most instructive and encouraging.

M. Gambetta's success is due to the power of moderation and tact, to a talent for the art of conciliation that is most rare among Frenchmen of extreme opinions, and to the perception of the truth that all politics are matter of compromise. Three gifts M. Ledru Rollin, in common with nearly all the Revolutionary statesmen, did not possess, and would not have valued. He inherited the dogmatic Republican orthodoxy of men like St. Just, and added it with such absolute conviction to the dogmatism of his own time, such as M. Louis Blanc. But it has been conclusively shown that France, though she may adopt a Republican Government on grounds of political expediency, will have nothing more to do with the sterile school of policy which erects the name of the "Democratic Republic, one and indivisible," into a political fetish.

**IMPROVED STUCCO.**—M. Landrin recommends the mixing of the crude plaster in water containing 5 to 10 per cent. of sulphuric acid. After allowing the compound to rest for fifteen minutes, he calcines the plaster. This gives a stucco of excellent quality, and the crucibles in which the matter are burnt out, leaving the material of exceptional whiteness.

**SALES.**  
Great Sale of Imported  
LINCOLN RAMS AND EWES.  
WEDNESDAY, 7th April, 1875.

**G. M. PITT and SON** have received instructions from R. Dawbin, Esq., Victoria, to sell by auction, in Sydney, on **WEDNESDAY, the 7th April, at 12 o'clock**,  
The following lots of pure-bred imported Lincoln rams and ewes, as follows:—

**RAMS.**  
1 stud ram, 4 years old, bred by J. N. Caswell, Langton, Lincolnshire  
3 ditto ditto, 6-month, bred by Mr. Hannell, Manchester Downs, Lincolnshire  
9 ditto ditto, 2-month, bred from stock imported from Kirkham  
122 2-month rams, bred by the celebrated breeder, William Rutledge, Esq., of Park, Victoria.  
**EWES.**  
27 stud ewes, 2-month, bred from stock imported from Kirkham  
50 ditto ditto, 4-month, ditto ditto.  
2 2-month Cotswold ewes, bred from imported stock  
2 6-month ditto ewes, ditto ditto  
1 Leicester ram, bred from Turner's stock, Hereford.  
The above ewes are now at the Quarantine grounds, Headwick, where they can be inspected, and may be purchased. They are the best lot of pure-bred Lincolns ever landed into the colony, and such an opportunity of securing the purest strains of blood may not occur again for years.

Full particulars regarding pedigree, weight of wool clipped, and price obtained, can be had from the Auctioneers.

**G. M. PITT and SON** have received instructions from their agents to sell by auction, **THIS DAY, Wednesday, at Ellis and Co.'s Yards, at 12 o'clock**,  
200 prime fat wethers, in lots, per steamer.

**G. M. PITT and SON** have received instructions from J. Ivory, Esq., to sell by auction, on **THURSDAY, the 26th instant, at the Horsebush Yards, at 11 o'clock**,  
100 prime and weighty fat cattle, in lots.

**SPECIAL NOTICE.**  
**SALE OF HORSES, CARRIAGES, &c.**  
The property of F. W. DONKIN, Esq.  
In consequence of the many inquiries made respecting the sale of the Stud of F. W. DONKIN, Esq., we have determined to offer the whole for sale, on **THURSDAY, 26th March, at 12 o'clock**, in lots, at Fennelly's Bazaar, (as previously advertised), in order to afford the public the opportunity of purchasing prior to the race week.

**J. & C. CLIBBORN and CO., Auctioneers.**  
246, Pitt-street.

**CARRIAGE AND BUGGY HORSES.**

**T. S. CLIBBORN and CO.** have been instructed by the owners to offer for sale by auction, at Fennelly's Bazaar, 246, Pitt-street, on **THURSDAY, 26th March, at 12 o'clock**,  
Pair of bay carriage horses—Bay Roydon and Hellington—5 and 6 years old, by Duerfort, full brothers  
Pair of grey buggy horses—Crusoe and Friday—6 and 6 years old, by Duerfort, full brothers  
The above are in splendid condition, perfectly broken to saddle and harness, and will be sold subject to the opinion of a veterinary surgeon.  
Black cob, aged, a perfect hack, and carries a lady  
Skeleton break with set of double harness.  
Also,  
Set of double buggy harness, silver mounted  
Set of double carriage ditto, ditto  
Gent's saddle  
Lady's side-saddle  
Child's side-saddle  
A set of collar and harness, sundries, &c.

**IMPORTANT SALE**  
**CARRIAGE HORSES, HUNTERS, &c.**  
**T. S. CLIBBORN and CO.** have been instructed by F. W. Donkin, Esq., of Langlo Downe, Queensland, to sell by auction, at Fennelly's Bazaar, Pitt-street, Sydney, on **THURSDAY, 26th March, at 12 o'clock**,  
The whole of his stud of carriage horses, hunters, and hacks, comprising, amongst others, the following—  
**PLAYBOY**, bay gelding (winner of the Townsbrook Steeplechase), capital feeder, and well known with the Sydney bounds  
**HAYDEN**, bay gelding (winner of the regular hunted and is a perfect harness horse)  
**DAPPER**, brown gelding, good in single and double harness (Hayes's mate)  
**DAYLIGHT**, grey gelding (Pair of leaders, both good)  
**DANDY**, bay ditto,..... (Pair of leaders, both have been comers and driven together)  
**MARMION**, grey gelding, a very stylish hack, perfect in pace, and up to 17 st.  
**MERRYBOY**, bay gelding, a very handsome hack, perfect in pace, and up to 17 st.  
**LOX**, chestnut gelding, good in single or double harness, a perfect hack, and carries a lady.  
**ION**, grey pony, unequalled as a polo pony.  
All the above horses are in good health, quiet, and thoroughly broken. The harness horses have been regularly driven together, and formed one of the teams of the Four-in-Hand Club.  
They are parted with solely in consequence of Mr. Donkin's intended departure for England.  
The following are the names of the horses—  
Four-in-hand, grey, by Helms, London, and harness, complete  
T cart, in first-class order, built at Ipswich, &c.  
Set of four-in-hand harness, brass-mounted  
Single set saddle ditto, ditto  
Single set requisite, ditto, ditto











